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01915/13971US03

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Grooms, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/722,205

Filed: November 25, 2000

) For: "Intervertebral Spacers"  
) (As Amended)  
)  
) Group Art Unit: 3732  
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) Examiner: Eduardo C. Robert

TRANSMITTAL  
PETITION FOR A TWO (2) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

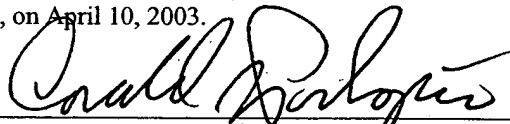
In response to the Official Action of 01/14/03, for which a response was due 02/14/03, the Applicants hereby request a two (2) month extension of time, extending the time of response to 04/14/03. Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

1. Additional Documents Cofiled Herewith:

- a. Second Preliminary Amendment and Election of Invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121;
- b. Check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2);
- c. Reply postcard.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper and all documents disclosed therein is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 10, 2003.

  
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## 2. Extension of Time

This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (Months)	FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY		FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY	
One Month		\$110.00		\$55.00
Two Months	✓	\$410.00		\$205.00
Three Months		\$930.00		\$465.00
Four Months		\$1450.00		\$725.00

If an additional Extension of Time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension Fee: \$ 410.00

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Deduction: \$

Extension Fee Due With This Request \$ 410.00

## 3. Fee for Claims

The fee for additional claims [(37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d))] has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	7	MINUS	44	=0	X09=	\$	X18=	\$0
INDEP.	1	MINUS	15	=0	X42=	\$	X84=	\$0
representation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+140=	\$	+280=	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE						\$	OR	\$0

4. **Method of Payment of Fees**

☒ Attached is a check in the amounts of:

\$410.00

Charge Deposit Account No. 13-0017  
in the amount of:

\$

A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

5. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-0017 in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd. **A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.**

Please refund any overpayment to McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd. at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

**McANDREWS, HELD & MALLOY, LTD.**

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Dated: April 10, 2003